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Transparency is a core value at Google. As a company we feel it is our responsibility to ensure that we maximize transparency around the flow of information related to our tools and services. We believe that more information means more choice, more freedom and ultimately more power for the individual.

We've created an interactive map of Government Requests that shows the number of government inquiries for information about users and requests for Google to take down or censor content. We hope this step toward greater transparency will help in ongoing discussions about the appropriate scope and authority of government requests.

Our interactive Traffic graphs provide information about traffic to Google services around the world. Each graph shows historic traffic patterns for a given country/region and service. By illustrating outages, this tool visualizes disruptions in the free flow of information, whether it's a government blocking information or a cable being cut. We hope this raw data will help facilitate studies about service outages and disruptions.

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Figure 1: Above you see the Google Transparency Report.

Figure 2: The map on the following page shows countries that have asked Google to provide information on users or countries that have made requests to Google to censor or remove content.

Figure 3: The last item is a graphic that shows what happened to internet traffic on Friday, Jan. 28 when the Egyptian government shut down nearly all access to the internet. The shutdown caused a 90 percent drop in data traffic to and from Egypt, a country of 80 million people.

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Like other technology and communications companies, we regularly receive requests from government agencies around the world to remove content from our services, or provide information about users of our services and products. This map shows the number of requests that we received in six-month blocks with certain limitations.

We're still learning the best way to collect and present this information. We'll continue to improve this tool and fine-tune the types of data we display.

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Chinese officials consider censorship demands to be state secrets, so we cannot disclose that information at this time.

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YouTube, Egypt Traffic Divided by Worldwide Traffic and Normalized